



Presbyterian 'Connection'

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A Word from Dr. Fred

FREEDOM'S BASE

The month of July brings thoughts of freedom to the forefront of our nation. We call ourselves "The Nation of the Free". We announce to the world that we are "one nation under God" and that we are a Christian nation. Just saying it does not make it be. Our actions as the people of the nation, from our personal actions and words and those of our leaders, have to reflect a genuine reality before we can say this is honestly true. Let's use the month of July to really put our words and mottos into reality. To do that we need to begin with reaffirming our faith in Jesus Christ and letting Him shine through our lives. Let's promote the love and action of Jesus day by day and pray that God bring this same spirit into the lives of those that lead us. I want to share the following with you to reflect upon.

The Price of Freedom

*"Those who would give up
an essential liberty
for temporary security,
deserve neither liberty
nor security."*

~ Benjamin Franklin ~

**Our forefathers knew perilous times
of spilt blood on the sod,
They battled to preserve the creed:
one nation under God.**

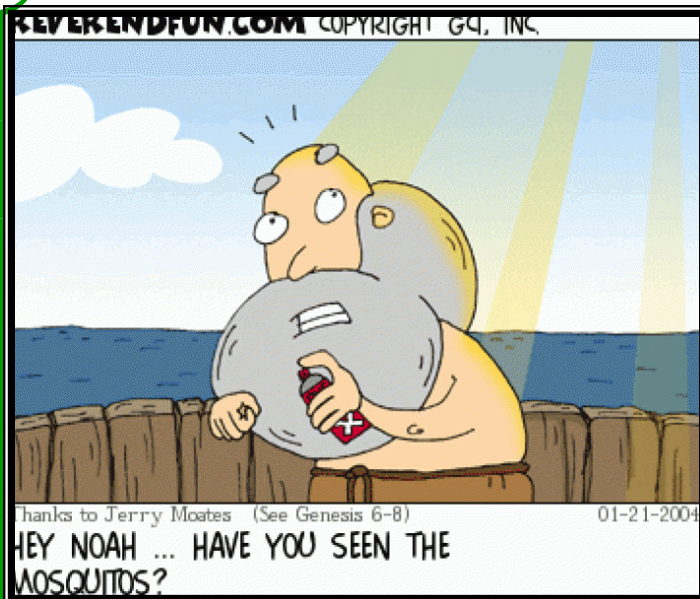
**Since then the bold and brave have fought
on land and sky and sea,
courageous, valiant heroes died
to keep this country free.
For freedom is a priceless thing,
a gift beyond compare ~
A privilege immeasurable,
maintained by fervent prayer.**

**Americans, take heed
to what our forefathers held fast:
Unless our faith be firm in God
this nation shall not last.**

~ Connie Hinnen Cook ~

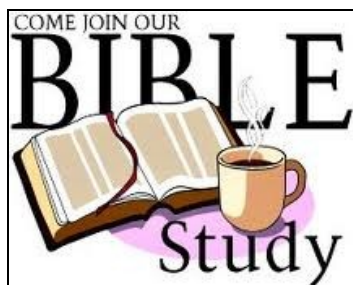
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God bless! Fred



May Income - \$4,174.50
May Expenses - \$8,594.69

~Thursday Bible Study and Thursday "Coffee & Fellowship", are discontinued until September~



THURSDAYS, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO NOON IN
 MEMORIAL HALL. MEN & WOMEN WELCOME.

Coffee & Fellowship



Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a Danish or cookies and wonderful fellowship on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall!

Ice Cream Social

Bull Shoals Presbyterian Women & Men
 Host an Ice Cream Social.

Proceeds to benefit P.W.&M.
 Mission Projects for the year.

Date: Sat.- July 29th

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 each
 AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR



Bull Shoals Presbyterian Church
 903 Walnut, Bull Shoals, AR.
 Contact: 870-445-4622

Ice-Cream
 "With choice of
 Toppings"
 &
 Cake



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WORSHIP IN JUNE

JULY 2nd
“A Basic for Living”
Proverbs 2:1-22
COMMUNION



JULY 9th
“Benefits of Wisdom”
Proverbs 2:1-22
POTLUCK

JULY 16th
“Are We Wise or Wiseacres”
Proverbs 3:1-18
BLESSING OF THE FOOD PANTRY



JULY 23rd
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
Proverbs 4:7-20



JULY 30th
“Red Flags”
Proverbs 6:1-19
MINUTE FOR MISSION
5th SUNDAY SING-BAPTIST CHURCH-6PM



CHURCH USHERS/GREETERS



July 2 - Sandy Erickson & Dr. Simons
July 9 - Celia & Roger Millard
July 16 - Irene Bere & Sandy Erickson
July 23 - Faye Brackett & Elaine Miller
July 30 - Bob & Gloria Wiles

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ed & Peni Lloyd

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR. - 2017

July 2 - Grace, Little Rock
July 9 - Barr Memorial, Norman
July 16 - First, Mountain Home
July 23 - First, Little Rock
July 30 - Trinity, Little Rock



First, Malvern
Hopewell Church, Morrilton
First, Newport
Presbytery Staff

PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

July

July 1 - Faye Brackett & Ed Lloyd
July 4 - Amy Johnson
July 16 - Ray Erlewine
July 18 - Ciera Haefer
July 23 - Dr. Roger Simons
July 30 - Vicky Bair



August

August 3 - Peni Lloyd
August 7 - Ed Chapman
August 20 - Bob Wiles
August 21 - Ken Hobart
August 23 - Irene Bere
August 29 - Celia Millard

ANNIVERSARIES

July 9 - Bill & Mary Kerr

August 22 - Allen & Carol Burns



LIBRARY LINES - JULY 2017



The Auto-Biography *SURPRISED BY JOY* by C. S. Lewis has been donated and can be found on the New Book Shelf. A synopsis follows.

"C. S. Lewis—the great British writer, scholar, lay theologian, broadcaster, Christian apologist, and bestselling author of *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and many other beloved classics—takes readers on a spiritual journey through his early life and eventual embrace of the Christian faith. Lewis begins with his childhood in Belfast, surveys his boarding school years and his youthful atheism in England, reflects on his experience in World War I, and ends at Oxford, where he became "the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England." As he recounts his lifelong search for joy, Lewis demonstrates its role in guiding him to find God."

We also have the DVD movie *THE SHACK* based on the very popular book by William P. Young. "THE SHACK takes us on a father's transformative and spiritual journey that will show him the ultimate truth about love, loss, and forgiveness."

The fiction book *THE FRIENDS OF JESUS* by Karen Kingsbury has also been donated to the library and is on the new book shelf. A synopsis follows:

"In our everyday lives, friends are the people whom we spend the most time with, go through struggles with at times, and who know us best. Each of Jesus' friends—Peter, John, Matthew, Judas, Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus—traveled with Jesus and were part of His daily ministry, and each has a compelling story to tell. There were some who would question or doubt Him... and one would even betray Him. Kingsbury brings these fascinating personalities to life in ways that will not only help bring you closer to the truths found in Scripture, but also to Christ.

By combining valuable, instructive Bible story with compelling, insightful character sketches of Jesus' companions, Kingsbury provides you with a deeper understanding of the scriptural teachings featuring these fascinating people. Emotionally powerful, thought-provoking, and soulful, *The Friends of Jesus* will help you to appreciate the Bible and understand how it applies to your relationships with the most important people in your life."



Faye Brackett, Librarian

MISSION MINUTE

JULY 2017



An international task force from the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) recently returned from a visit to Belize, where it met with groups that have received funding to become more self-sustaining. SDOP selected Belize as a focus country in 2010 because of its continued struggle with extreme poverty.

"I heard and saw gratitude on the faces of the people we visited. They expressed their love for the land and the desire to do things that bring forth life," said the Rev. Rebecca Reyes, SDOP National Committee chair.

SDOP has been making annual visits to Belize, working mainly with grassroots communities in the southern part of the country. The efforts have focused on building relationships with communities in the Stann Creek and Toledo districts, which include mainly Mayan and Garifuna people — descendants of Caribbean Indians and African slaves.

In the past six years, SDOP has provided approximately \$175,000 in funding to groups in Belize, seeking to generate income for their communities, mostly in the area of agriculture.

"The first time we were there, many of the Mayan groups didn't want to talk with us," said Teresa Bidart, SDOP's meeting planner. "They were so quiet in the past and didn't want to speak because they were not used to people helping them. This time, they were all talking with us."

Since 2010, at least 12 groups have received funding to build sources of income. Groups visited this year include the Trio Farmers in Development Pre-Cooperative, which works with a local school to teach children to grow vegetables and a number of agricultural cooperatives. On average, each group receives approximately \$20,000.

"The people now are much more confident. One organization, the Marigold Women's Group, runs a restaurant and used the funding to purchase freezers so they can sell ice," Bidart said. "They are finding new innovative ideas to grow their businesses and are very confident."

The task force says that not only are businesses growing, relationships among groups are starting to form.

"Collaborations are being strengthened and community trust is the foundation of the work and progress being made," Reyes said. "They also acknowledged the consistent work it takes to keep the progress going. Imagination is always at work and creativity is all around."

Over the years, many of the organizations have become self-sustaining and no longer need the SDOP support.

Submitted by the Mission Committee



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & MEN

PW&M General Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 9:30 AM

For our last meeting before taking a summer break, PW&M hosted a speaker, Diahanna VanGulick from Mruk Family Education Center on Aging in Mtn Home, AR, inviting all churches in our community to join us and enjoy a light brunch with us this morning. It was suggested that we had 25 guests and members for the presentation and brunch that lasted til 10:30 am. Moderator, Elaine Miller welcomed everyone and opened the morning with prayer. Co-Moderator, Peni Lloyd gave the devotion from the book of Isaiah and introduced Diahanna, then Pastor Fred Taylor blessed the food. After her presentation and question and answer period, Ms VanGulick departed and PW&M held an abbreviated monthly meeting, beginning at 10:55 am.

We all thank Mary Kerr and Celia Millard for coordinating all the foods and beverages today and Peni Lloyd (and all her helpers) for decorating Memorial Hall, and for arranging the tables perfectly for our speaker. Thanks to all who baked and provided all the delicious pastries and fruits and to Roger Millard for many pots of good, hot coffee.

The reports for May from the secretary and treasurer will be posted on the PW&M bulletin board.

Linda Allensworth and Amy Johnson volunteered to host the next meeting in the fall, with Steve Broskovak giving the devotion. Amy will pass around the sign-up sheet for hosts and devotion at that time for the rest of the 2017 meetings. There were no announcements, nothing to report on publicity or missions today.

OLD BUSINESS: Ice Cream Social fundraiser on July 29, from 2-4 PM : Linda, our chairperson, has Celia Millard as her co-chair. Sign-ups for donations and work will be at church soon. Vicky Bair will take care of fliers. Amy and Peni will take care of outdoor banners. Linda is checking with Faye Brackett re: printing tickets. It was agreed we should put out a donations collection "bucket" as we did for the Potato Bash fundraiser. Linda will contact Sun Fest Grocery in Gassville about donating equal amounts of ice cream that we purchase from them as in prior years.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Fred suggested for another speaker that we consider someone from Lyon College that we support through our church budget. He will contact someone for details. We discussed the possibility of November since October is such a busy month in the community and in our church. Peni offered to check on the community calendar for fall happenings for this as well as for a date for our 2017 Baked Potato Bash fundraiser.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We will break until September. Next general meeting: September 12, 2017, 9:30 am

Hosts: Linda Allensworth and Amy Johnson

Devotion: Steve Broskovak

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am with prayer from Pastor Fred.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Amy Johnson



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BULL SHOALS**

**JULY 17th-21st
9:00 a.m. to noon**

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BULL SHOALS FOOD PANTRY - NEWSLETTER

(By the Community, for the Community)

PO Box 691, 1013 Lake Shore Rd, Bull Shoals, AR 72619

March - April 2017

What a crazy spring we have had with all the rain, hail and flooding. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are affected by the flooding and hopefully the weather will settle down now. People are starting to get their gardens planted, flowers are blooming and summer is on its way. Remember, if you have an over-abundance of food in your garden, you can drop off extras to give out to our clients Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. or Friday morning after 10:00 and before noon.

I recently came across an article that brings home the point of why we need our Food Pantry. **“At 19.7%, Arkansas is tied with Mississippi as having the highest rate of food insecure households in the nation. That means Arkansans – more than almost any other Americans – are often unsure of where they will get their next meal. Arkansas children, for whom school lunch may be the only meal they can depend on, are at risk. The working poor, whose paychecks will not buy a month’s worth of groceries, must find alternative sources of food. The elderly, who too often must choose between their prescriptions and their groceries, are going without. In fact, Arkansas has a higher rate of food insecurity among seniors than any other state in the nation. This is reality for far too many of our fellow Arkansans”.** With your help each month, we are able to help as many as 200 families receive additional food and we thank you, all of you, for all you do.

With summer fast approaching and all those vacations, visitors and outdoor activities that are such a part of our community, our cooking classes have ended until September. The one exception is that Linda Masters and Anna Mattson will be giving a “canning” class in August. Be sure to watch for the announcement of date and time if you wish to learn canning ideas and the right way to do it.

Saturday, July 1st will see the **“JULY JUBILEE”** event at Danuser City Park in Bull Shoals. The event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with music, bingo, food and more; so plan to come and join us for a fun day at the Park. The event will happen “rain or shine” since there is plenty of space under the pavilion for bingo and food.

The annual **Rotary Club** Pancake Breakfast was a great success serving over 460 people, and over 395 pounds of non-perishable food was collected for the Pantry. As always, our community shows how great they are.

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Food Pantry, con't

Did you know? Every Friday one of our volunteers (Rich Pool and his son) go to pick up donated food through the "Feeding America" program at Walmart and bring it to the pantry. A crew of volunteers then sorts the food (usually produce of many different kinds) and gets it ready for distribution to our clients on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This is a wonderful program, and there is a great variety of fruit and vegetables, with printed information on some of the more unusual items we receive which has included chayote squash, mexican guava and jicama, just to name a few. A lot of our clients are adventurous and tell us about some of the things they made when they come back.

On May 20th we will be hosting our 2nd annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, and we had a great time last year. Without our volunteers so much of what is done at the Food Pantry would not be possible; so ... if when you read this you know of someone who volunteers at the Pantry, be sure to thank them for helping, and if you are one of our great volunteers, THANK YOU!!!

Who Can You Call? Our Manager, Bonnie Galvan 870-431-4338 or Peni Lloyd (newsletter) 870-656-5033

Feb/Mar by the numbers:

Number of Households served: 302

Total Number of People: 728

Pounds of food donated: 5,251.7

Total Volunteer Hours: 783

Commodity Pounds: 4,591

Total Pounds distributed: 16610 (est)

If someone has left you a Godly inheritance, invest it in others!

Till We Speak Again

JULY 2017

Millie is



TO THE FRIENDS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BULL SHOALS

I want to express my love and appreciation to each
and every one of you for the prayers, concerns, love and
food you showered on me over the last few months.
May our Precious Lord Jesus bless you as you have blessed me.
Thank you so very much.

Norma Taylor



RECIPE FOR JULY

Slow Cooker Mexican Grilled Corn Dip

Prep time: 15 mins

Cook time: 2 hours 20 mins

Total time: 2 hours 35 mins

Yields: 10 to 12 servings

Ingredients

- 6 ears corn
- 2 (15 oz) cans corn, drained
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sour cream
- Juice of 2 small limes
- 2 tablespoons hot sauce
- 1¼ cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 8 oz cream cheese, cubed
- Crumbled Cotija cheese and chopped fresh cilantro, for topping (optional)
- Tortilla chips, for serving



Directions

Remove husks from corn ears. Grill corn directly over high heat on a grill, rotating until all sides are well charred. Cool until easy to handle.

Use a sharp knife to slice corn kernels off ears; transfer corn kernels to a slow cooker along with canned corn, mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, hot sauce, Monterey jack cheese, garlic, and salt and pepper to taste. Stir to combine.

Top mixture with cubed cream cheese. Cover and cook on low heat 2 hours. Stir in cream cheese, then cook on high heat 10 to 15 minutes until warmed through.

Transfer dip to a serving bowl. Top with more salt and pepper as well as crumbled Cotija cheese and chopped fresh cilantro, if desired. Serve warm or at room temperature with tortilla chips.

THIS WE BELIEVE FOR JULY

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love." -1 John 4:7-8

**"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"**

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor: Fred Taylor, Clerk of Session: Vicky Bair, Church Treasurer: Ken Hobart,
Secretary: Christi Partee, Financial Secretary: Elaine Miller**

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